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SUBJ: CIVAIR: GE-SNECMA PROJECT AND PARIS AIR SHOW

1. SNECMA OFFICIALS CALLED AT EMBASSY MAY 14 EXPRESSING DESIRE EXTEND HOSPITALITY TO USG VISITORS AT SNECMA CHALET AT PARIS AIR SHOW AND ALSO ATTRACT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OF US VIP'S TO VISIT SNECMA TEST FACILITY AT VILLEROUCHE AND/OR SNECMA FACTORY NEARBY AT CORBEIL (BOTH POINTS ARE JUST OUTSIDE PARIS). THEIR INTEREST OF COURSE FOCUSES ON CFM-56 ENGINE WHICH THEY ARE DEVELOPING JOINTLY WITH GE, AND CFM-56 ENGINE WILL BE VISIBLE ON TEST BENCH AT VILLEROUCHE. SNECMA OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THEIR GE PARTNERS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR ANY SUCH VISITS.

2. WE PROVIDED SNECMA OFFICIALS WITH NAMES OF MANY US VIP'S WHO WERE EXPECTED FOR AIR SHOW, BUT WE WARNED THAT IN MOST CASES EMBASSY WAS NOT IN POSITION DETERMINE WHETHER VISIT TO SNECMA TESTING FACILITIES AND/OR FACTORY, WHICH WOULD TAKE UP AT LEAST HALF A DAY, COULD BE FITTED INTO VISITORS' SCHEDULES. WE UNDERTOOK TO FLAG SNECMA INTEREST TO WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, IN EVENT THERE MIGHT BE INTEREST IN TAKING UP SNECMA OFFER.

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3. COMMENT: DEPT. IS AWARE FROM EARLIER
CORRESPONDENCE THIS SUBJECT WITH EUR:WE OF ADVANTAGES
EMBASSY SEES IN PUBLICIZING GE-SNECMA PROJECT AS
EXAMPLE OF SOUND US-FRENCH INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IN
AEROSPACE SECTOR. VISIT TO SNECMA FACILITIES AND
INSPECTION OF CFM-56 ENGINE BY USG VISITORS TO AIR
SHOW, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS, WOULD BE
PUBLICIZED AND WOULD LEND ITSELF TO ABOVE OBJECTIVE.
EMBASSY THUS SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY BE EXPLORED IN
ADVANCE WITH VIP GROUPS COMING TO AIR SHOW FROM
WASHINGTON. IF VISIT TO VILLEROUCHE/CORBEIL FACILITIES
MUST BE RULED OUT BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING CONSTRAINTS,
CONSIDERATION MIGHT STILL BE GIVEN TO VISITS TO
SNECMA CHALET AT LE BOURGET FOR SHORT BRIEFING ON
CFM-56 PROJECT THERE.
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